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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF PRIVATE AMCITS

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1. WE ARE CONTINUING TO ATTEMPT CONTACT THOSE AMCITS WHO WERE NOT CONTACTED YESTERDAY (REFTEL). WARDENS FROM BUSOGA, KIGEZI, AND KARAMOJA HAVE CALLED EMBASSY IN RESPONSE TO COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS SENT YESTERDAY. WARDENS FROM ACHOLI (REPRESENTING 14 AMCITS), WEST NILE (4), LANGO (3), AND ACHOLI ARE OUT. 2 AMCITS WHO WERE LISTED IN TESO (NGORA) WERE REPORTED BY UGANDAN SUPERVISOR IN HOSPITAL WHERE THEY WORKED TO HAVE DEPARTED DEFINITELY WITHIN THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

2. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY REGISTRATION, THERE ARE CURRENTLY 237 PRIVATE AMCITS RESIDING IN UGANDA. OF THIS NUMBER, WE KNOW OF 17 WHO ARE OUTSIDE UGANDA AT THE PRESENT TIME.

3. SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS AT BUGEMA (16 AMCITS) SAID THEY PLANNED MAKE ARRANGEMENTS SEND OUT DEPENDENTS (10) DURING NEXT FEW DAYS. HUSBANDS WILL REMAIN AS LONG AS EMBASSY REMAINS,
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BUT THEY NOTED THAT THEIR PROJECT WILL BE CLOSING OUT ANYWAY

IN EARLY 1974.

4. ALSO INCLUDED IN ABOVE NUMBER ARE 39 AMCITS WHO ARE DEPENDENTS (WIVES AND CHILDREN) OF UGANDAN CITIZENS. WE BELIEVE FEW IF ANY OF THESE WILL LEAVE.

5. IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL WHAT EFFECT OUR ADVICE HAS HAD. AS WE REPORTED REFTTEL, MANY ARE AWAITING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS BEFORE MAKING A DEFINITIVE DECISION TO STAY OR LEAVE. THE MAJORITY OF AMCITS FROM THREE GROUPS--CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES, MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, AND DEPENDENTS OF UGANDAN CITIZENS--TOTALLING ABOUT 125 PERSONS, HAVE FIRM PROGRAMS OR COMMITMENTS HERE AND ARE UNLIKELY TO DEPART BASED SOLELY UPON OUR ADMONITIONS. WE HAVE RECEIVED AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM ONE AMCIT, MRS. SYLVIA KALULE, DIRECTOR OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN KAMPALA, THAT PRESIDENT AMIN TOLD AN ASSEMBLED GROUP AT MAKERERE THIS NOON THAT HE HAS "FORGIVEN" ALL AMERICANS IN UGANDA BECAUSE THEY ARE REALLY NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN THE ME. IF THIS REPORT IS TRUE OR PRESIDENT AMIN GIVES OTHER PUBLIC ASSURANCES CONCERNING THE STATUS OF AMERICANS HERE, THIS WILL OF COURSE "SOFTEN" OUR APPEAL. AFTER ALL, MANY OF THE 237 AMCITS ARE THE "HARD CORE" AND WANT TO REMAIN IN UGANDA.
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